

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY**  
**LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, June 24, 2013 in Room 161, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street

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**Present:** Chair Norb Dantinne, Supervisors Dave Kaster, Bernie Erickson, Tom Sieber,  
Dave Landwehr  
**Excused:** Norb Van De Hei  
**Also Present:** Jim Jolly

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**I. Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantinne at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve.**  
**Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. Approve/modify minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of May 20, 2013.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Comments from the Public – None.**

**1. Budget Status Financial Report for April, 2013.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Land & Water Conservation Department Five Year Work Plan.**

Jolly stated that he did this plan for two reasons; County Executive Troy Streckenback requested that all departments make a five year work plan. Previous years showed that it was hard to understand, and something easier needed to be made for farmers and all to understand exactly what the strategy is. This work plan would supply for the Three Year Water Plan that was approved February 25th meeting (At that time, state was pressing down for a definitive 5 or 10 year work plan, therefore, this plan was created to satisfy state, creating a plan that can balance between a programed type of plan and something that will benefit the resources) Jolly stated the focus to service the 11 grants and to utilize them.

Jolly informed that for every farming scenario; all the details you need to know, follow, who to talk to would be found in today's agenda, on the website.

Erickson asked about the Phosphorous index. Jolly stated it's a model called "Snap Plus", it runs parts for millions, crop sequences, fertilized application, and then runs the Phosphorous index, which determines how much is actually getting into the water. The model doesn't work accurately, and is hard to solve the Phosphorous problem with it. Jolly concluded that there is only one field in our county that's over 6 with major problems.

Jolly went on to share pages in the agenda. Pages 2-3; ordinance, pages 4-5; programs, \*page 5; SWRM (very bottom of page), which was the lean event... The grant was 190 steps, reduced to 140 steps, which saved time. All projects need the same reduction, and will take a couple years to get through. Page 6; TMDL, which reports the total maximum daily limits on Phosphorous. This requires a 60% reduction, a lot of water shed, and is virtually impossible without new technology... watch for new technology in the future. Page 7; listed priorities in order, and how workload will be. Jolly briefly went through all nine priorities in order. Regarding NRCS, Jolly reported that the complaint to Madison was made, and then an agreement to create a staff position and a technical assistant both at 75%, leaving Brown County to pay 25%. These positions will manage Phosphorous control, and the other will work to satisfy requirements by state. After a 3-5 year project with conventional practices and careful monitoring, farmers should receive answers on situations such as lowering the Phosphorous. Erickson brought up the possibility of having Green Bay Met pick up the 25%, and Jolly stated he is working on that, spoke to John Kennedy about it, and wants options especially during budget time. On page 10, regarding West Shore Northern Pike Habitat Restoration project, Jolly felt there was opportunity in the private sector for money, to create a film with UW-Madison film department to document about the restoration project. State and even nationwide were looking at this, and Jolly reported they are enthusiastic about it. The wetlands that are being created are producing a natural area for planting, spawning, and rearing, which was outstanding, and this could preserve the land and get community involved. In conclusion, Jolly shared the Land & Water Conservation Department 5 Year Work Plan document, after page 11. This document will help to see if plan is on track, if jobs are being done, and if not, why? Jolly said he will hold his staff accountable, and so far things are looking good. Jolly shared good news from his team; he asked to have 130 site reviews done for the year, and already has 120 finished.

Jolly asked if there were any questions to conclude in the topic. Landwehr asked about the manure storage facility that was documented back in maybe... 1986? Have there been any efforts to go back and document prior to that? Jolly answered that they only bring in the system when requested on an upgrade or expansion. Landwehr shared that with the zoning departments they've found pits that have never been part of the program. Jolly shared that back in '86 there were about 1000 farms, today there are a little more than 250. Most pits are abandoned or wiped out, with a few left, but there is no time to do anything to those at the moment.

**Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Barkhausen Pike Rearing Restoration Phase 1: Brown County Project #1565A – Accept/Reject Low Bid.**

Jolly asked the committee to reject the bids. His staff had figured this project would be around \$38,000, and the staff is usually within a couple percent of knowing the project costs. The low bid came in at \$55,000 the high bid was over \$80,000. It would be better for them as a county to purchase all the materials on their own without tax and re-bid the labor. This was packer money going in. They had a big celebration thing going on and they wanted to see something happen. They could make this happen with this process. They had an agreement with Ducks Unlimited.

Landwehr suggested checking with Corporation Counsel about putting something out to bid, and then not accepting any bids, but then going forward with doing it with own staff. Jolly and Dantine reassured they weren't doing that, although they are purchasing the materials, they will be contracting.

**Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to reject the bids. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Director's Report.**

Regarding the Famer's Demonstration within CS, Jolly did inform that he received an email yesterday stating Washington will approve and that it looked promising. He said he would bring something official once it would be available.

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Such other matters as authorized by law. None.**

6. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein / Blaire Xiong  
Recording Secretary